

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a Cross-Reference To Related Applications is being added to the specification.

Claims 2-5, 8-10, 13, 19-20, 24-44, and 71-83 have been amended, and claims 6-7, 11-12, 14-18, 21-22, and 45-70 have been canceled, in order to bring the form thereof into compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. patent practice including removing all multiple claim dependencies. These amendments are made relative to the previous Article 34 amendments made during the International Phase of prosecution as included in the International Preliminary Examination Report enclosed herewith. The Abstract has also been added. No new matter is believed to be added and the amendments are not believed to affect the scope of the amended claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

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